

RALEIGH'S TRAGEDY

Shot Which Missed Skinner Has Been Found.

NEW CODE COMMISSION

Considerable Discussion in Regard to the Location of the Monuments to Generals Nash and Davidson, of the Revolution.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
RALEIGH, N. C., February 27.—Since the tragedy of last Saturday, when Ludlow Skinner was shot and killed by Ernest Davidson, there has been much speculation as to what became of the one or two shots fired, which did not take effect in Skinner's body. The place is now believed to have been located in a window on the third floor of the Post-office building, directly opposite the post-office building, where the shooting occurred. There is a small hole in the window glass, such as a bullet would have made, and in the opposite wall, at an angle consistent with the course of a bullet fired from the place where the shooting occurred, and in line with the broken window, is a small hole in the plaster, such as a bullet might have made.

There are no new developments of note in the Haywood-Skinner case. Counsel for the prosecution had a conference with witnesses this morning to discuss the situation, but nothing was given out for publication. No one seems to know even when any steps will be taken by the defense regarding the much talked of habeas corpus proceedings. Mr. W. C. Douglas, Haywood's counsel for the defense of Ernest Davidson, has withdrawn from the case for the reason that his law partner, Robert N. Simms, will be one of the principal witnesses in the case.

There is very general satisfaction expressed as to the Code Commission selected by the Democratic caucus of members of the General Assembly. The learning of ex-Judge T. B. Womack as to the details of law is well known, and he is regarded as eminently fitted for the position. Professor N. Y. Gully being dean of law of Wake Forest College, conceded to be thoroughly fitted for the position, and Colonel H. C. Nash, of Washington, is regarded as one of the most thorough and successful lawyers in Eastern Carolina.

The legal fraternity of the State are much gratified that the much longed-for codification is to be made. Governor Doherty, of Tennessee, is billed for a lecture here next Monday night. The "Fiddler and the Bow" will be his theme.

Governor Aycock is being much impressed now about the location for the monuments to be erected by the United States government to the memory of Governor Nash and Governor Davidson. The people of Greensboro demand that they shall be at Guilford battlefield. The Society of the Cincinnati, who were largely instrumental in securing the appropriations, recommends that the monuments to General Nash be in Nash Square, and that to Governor Davidson be at Charlotte. Descendants of the two heroes join in urging this course.

The North Carolina Daughters of the Revolution urge that the Nash monument be in Nash Square, Raleigh, and that General Davidson's monument be placed at Davidson College. The Secretary of War has requested Governor Aycock to name the location of the monuments. The Aldermen, Chamber of Commerce and other organizations of Raleigh and Charlotte have adopted resolutions, urging that the Nash monument be in Raleigh and Davidson monument in Charlotte.

The Secretary of State chartered the Winston-Hander Company, of Winston-Salem, capital \$25,000, to manufacture all kinds of handles, golf clubs and novelties. Also the Ac-ceter Chemical Company, of Warrenton, capital \$15,000. This company will make all kinds of chemicals and novelties. The incorporators are R. C. Fields, of Norfolk; F. P. Hansen, of Portsmouth, and W. T. Johnson, of Warrenton. A delegation from Greensboro to-day presented to Governor Aycock a bill that the monuments by the United States government to General Nash and General Davidson be put on the Guilford battlefield. The Governor has made no selection yet.

Oil and Gas at Asheville.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ASHEVILLE, N. C., Feb. 27.—Boring operations for gas and oil in this section will begin at an early date. E. B. Stewart, of New Martinsville, W. Va., who controls extensive oil and gas leases here, has arrived, and declares his investigations of making some oil and gas in this section. Mr. Stewart is accompanied by Mr. Brewster, also of New Martinsville, and an oil prospector, Mr. Stewart, representing Stewart & Sidell, has had an extensive oil and gas franchise here for a year or longer.

Gudger-Moody Contest.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ASHEVILLE, N. C., Feb. 27.—The testimony of the contestants in the contest begun by the late Mr. J. M. Gudger, Jr., for the seat from this district in the Fifty-eighth Congress has been concluded. Mr. Gudger will begin the taking of his forty days' testimony in a week or so, after which the contestants have ten days in which to produce evidence in rebuttal.

Young Couple Married.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
KINSTON, N. C., February 27.—Last night at the Baptist Church, while regular prayer-meeting was going on, Mr. Herbert Cummings, a seventeen-year-old son of Mr. J. B. Cummings, a prominent merchant of this place, wedded in church with Miss Eva Smith, aged sixteen years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Smith, of this place, and were married, Rev. C. N. Cowan officiating. They will make Kinston their home.

DOES NOT KNOW

Hon. A. C. Braxton May Yet Run for the Senate.

Hon. A. C. Braxton, of Staunton, was a visitor at the Capital yesterday, and was on his way to New York on private business. Mr. Braxton said he would not run for Governor nor for Congress in the Tenth District, nor against Major Daniel for United States Senate. But further than this he would not commit himself as to political future. He said he had been urged to enter the race against Senator Martin in 1906, but he had not given a moment's thought to the matter to be able to say definitely what he would do. Mr. Braxton was warmly greeted by his old friends about the Capital.

Mother's Girl.

There exists often a very beautiful companionship between the mother and her daughter. The intimacy is frank, free and sympathetic. But some day the mother feels as if something had chilled this intimacy. The child is silent and sad, and seems to shun her mother instead of seeking her.

This change very often occurs when the young girl is crossing the border line of womanhood. She is morbid, nervous, fearful, as she enters upon this new experience.

The use of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription at such a time will do more than restore the normal balance of mind and body. It will establish the womanly function upon a basis of sound health, as well as improve the appetite, nourish the nerves, and promote the general physical health.

"Two years ago my daughter's health began to fail," writes Mrs. Dan Hall, of Breckard, Green Co., Wis. "Everything that could be thought of was done to help her but it was of no use. She began to complain that she was quite ill; weighed 170—the picture of good health, until about the age of fourteen, then she began to lose weight. Her appetite was but so. I felt I could not give her up as she was the only child I had, and I must say, Doctor, that only Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, which I bought for her, has brought her back to her normal health. When she had taken one-half bottle the appetite was established and we bought another one, making only two bottles in all, and she completely recovered. Since then she is as well as can be."

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MANY LOCAL BILLS PASS

The Day in the Senate and House at Raleigh.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 27.—A number of local and many general bills were passed in both House and Senate. The Code Commission bill was amended in the Senate to include the names of the commissioners chosen in the Democratic caucus last night, and the bill passed. The bill was sent to the House for concurrence.

A joint resolution that the Senate proceed to election of trustees of the uncompleted codification is to be made. Governor Doherty, of Tennessee, is billed for a lecture here next Monday night. The "Fiddler and the Bow" will be his theme.

To incorporate Currituck Railroad Company.
To amend charter of Stone Mountain Railroad Company.
To enable Norfolk and Western Railroad Company to extend its lines in North Virginia.

To incorporate Trinity College.
SENT TO HOUSE.

To incorporate Virginia and Carolina Railroad Company.
To allow Guilford Battleground Company to dedicate ground to the United States government to erect monuments thereon.

To allow coroners who are physicians to hold post mortem examinations.
To amend charter of Asheville and Crook Mountain Railroad Company.
To convert \$250,000 fund from swamp lands into a permanent fund for aid in erecting and improving schools by loaning money to counties and districts.

To regulate appointment of directors of State institutions, so that not more than one director be chosen from one county, and that superintendents shall be in no way connected with the board.
Mr. Baldwin's bill to prevent high hats in theatres passed.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

Among bills introduced was one by McNeill to make it misdemeanor for physicians to prescribe whiskey on Sunday, except in case of emergency.

By Mr. White: To regulate fire insurance and increase public revenue, passed immediately.

By Mr. Mann: To fix place of meeting of the Board of Dental Examiners.
By Mr. Brown: To incorporate Southern and Northeastern Railroad Company.

By Mr. Pollock: To establish impounded road from Kinston to Jacksonville, Onslow county.
The bill for general school law was made a special order for Monday noon.

IN THE HOUSE.
Among bills introduced in the House were:

By Mr. Phillips: To protect citizens of Brunswick.
By Mr. Kirk: To give justices of peace power to sentence convicts to public roads.

By Mr. Doughton: To amend law relating to primary elections.
By Mr. White, of Jones: To prohibit drunkenness.

The revenue bill passed the House. A large number of amendments were offered, but all except one were voted down. That was by Mr. Doughton, reducing the tax on oil dealers from \$300 to \$100.

Mr. Graham's resolution for an investigation of the cost of enlarging the Capitol, in accordance with the original plans, passed, with the clause making \$400 appropriation for architect eliminated.

NIGHT SESSION.
RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 27.—The State Senate to-night tabled the bill offered by Mr. Hollamby, providing that the race of a school district may be repaired levied upon for school purposes. The Confederate pension bill, appropriating \$200,000, was passed, with an amendment to include deserters who returned to the service. The bill was passed by a vote of 20 to 10.

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Trolley Car Frightens a Team in Chesterfield.

FARMER IS THROWN OUT

Frank Berberich Receives Internal Injuries Which May Prove of a Most Serious Character—Taken to a Hospital.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
PETERSBURG, VA., Feb. 27.—Frank Berberich, a well known farmer, living in Chesterfield county, about three miles from Petersburg, was seriously injured this morning by a trolley car on the Richmond and Petersburg Railway, while he was on his way to Petersburg. Mr. Berberich was driving a spirited team to a wagon loaded with peanuts. When he was near the crossing at the turnpike, an approaching car frightened his horses. They dashed off, throwing him to the ground and several bags of peanuts fell on Mr. Berberich, and one of the front wheels struck him on the head, giving him a ugly scalp wound. One of the rear wheels passed over his body, breaking several of his ribs and probably causing other internal injuries. The motorman took Mr. Berberich into his car and brought him to Petersburg, where he underwent treatment by Dr. Rennie at the Home for the Sick. The extent of his injuries is not yet fully known, but it is feared that his internal injuries are serious.

Frank labor is greatly in demand in Petersburg at this time, and the companies employing this labor are making every arrangement for their convenience as one of the inducements. The John N. Stearns Silk Mill Company are advertising for two hundred boys and girls. Frank and his wife, who are now at work in the factories will soon be known throughout the adjoining counties, and it is hardly likely that there will be a scarcity of white labor in Petersburg very much longer.

A NEW BOARD.
The last meeting of the Board of Directors of the Central State Hospital was held to-day. President Robert Gilliam presided, and nearly every member of the board was present. The board today wound up its business, and made everything ready for the incoming board.

The board to-day closed up the affairs of the hospital, which are now ready to be turned over to the new board. The board today extended into the affairs of the institution. The new board will find everything in excellent condition.

The finances are in fine shape with a good balance on hand in the hospital depository. There are 108 patients under treatment and, but two applications on file, one of which is a penitentiary convict.

Mr. Waterman, electrical engineer and representative of Mr. Frank Gould, Mr. W. C. Whitner, hydraulic and mechanical engineer in charge of the new developments of the Virginia Passenger and Power Company, and Mr. S. W. Huff, general manager of the railways operated by the Virginia Passenger and Power Company, arrived in Petersburg to-day, and inspected the improvements now being made near the locks and along the Upper Appomattox Canal. Work on these improvements is going forward satisfactorily.

There were thirty-seven deaths in Petersburg during the month: White, eleven, colored 26; rate of mortality of whole population, 17.76 per thousand per annum, white 11, colored 26.

RECOVERY EXPECTED.
Mrs. Anne B. Mallory, the aged mother of Mr. John A. Mallory, suffered a slight stroke of paralysis yesterday. Mrs. Mallory is now eighty years of age. She was last better, and her complete recovery is expected.

Large crowds have attended each evening the revival services at Market Street Methodist Church. The Rev. Mr. Beauchamp has preached each evening this week.

Mr. Spencer Perkins, of this city, and Miss Mabel Perkins, of Dinwiddie county, were married at Halifax, N. C., Wednesday.

The Porter Brewing Company will soon begin the building of their large depot and office at River and Second Streets, in this city. The old building on the site has been taken down, and the square cleared preparatory to the building.

Labor is reported to be scarce in Dinwiddie county. On account of its scarcity, one of the saw mills to that county has been compelled to close down. The Young Men's Business Association held a very interesting meeting last evening.

The capitalists of Petersburg may be called on to assist in building one hundred cottages in the city, which will be necessary for the accommodation of those who come to Petersburg to work in the silk factories and cigar factories.

Captain W. H. Wilcox, of the Petersburg Company Uniform Rank Knights of Pythias, has received the silver loving cup won by the company at the annual drill of the Virginia Regiment Uniform Rank Knights of Pythias at Roanoke, February 12th.

IN DANVILLE.
City Engineer Condemns the Municipal Hall of the City.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
DANVILLE, VA., February 27.—City Engineer Ballou to-day condemned the Municipal Hall as unsafe until the plastering had been repaired. Recently large sheets of plastering have fallen from the ceilings, and it has been a miracle that no one has been injured. The engineer locked the hall and forbids its use until it has been repaired.

The argument before Judge Alken on the matter of calling a local option election, consumed the entire day in the Corporation Court to-day. The prohibitionists were represented by W. Peatross, and the saloon men by Messrs. Green and Withers. Judge Alken has not decided, but it is generally believed that he will order the election some time in April.

AT CHESTER.
Five or Six Building Lots Sold During Last Week.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CHESTER, VA., February 27.—Some five or six lots have been sold in this village of late, and it is said, dwellings will be erected on them in the very near future.

James V. Zerbo, a builder of Harrisburg, Pa., has been visiting his sister, Mrs. Winne, at the Drewry mansion, near Manchester, for the past ten days, but returned this morning for home. Mr. Zerbo had purposed to attend the carnival at New Orleans.

In company with Mr. and Mrs. Winne, but owing to some delay in their plans, and the early closing of the "feast" there, they decided to wait another year.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Friend and little boy, in company with Mr. Zerbo, came from Manchester yesterday and visited relatives here.

The ladies of the Methodist Church here will have a musical entertainment and order of the "feast" there in Chester on the 12th of March, proximo. The musical entertainment will be had in the public school house, and the supper at Mrs. H. D. Dahl's.

The young people of this vicinity will have no further opportunity to delight themselves skating this season. The water having been turned off to prevent malaria in the spring and summer.

HAD WON RESPECT.
Big Factory Shuts Down Out of Respect to Solomon Steptoe.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
BEDFORD CITY, VA., February 27.—Solomon Steptoe, one of the most respected colored men of Bedford, died yesterday, and the large plug tobacco factory of Berry-Bush Company will close at noon to-morrow for the afternoon, out of respect to his memory. The funeral services will be conducted at 2 o'clock from the Baptist Church, as his own church is inadequate to accommodate the large gathering expected.

Steptoe was a trusted servant of the late Judge Michael Davis, and was a box maker and carpenter by trade. From the days of slavery he had been capable and thrifty, and had accumulated a good deal of property.

For over fifty years he had made boxes for Judge Davis, afterwards for Berry Brothers. Major Davis' grandchildren, Walter Steptoe, a son, is professor of Greek at the St. Paul's Industrial School, at Lawrenceville; another son, Robert, passed the Virginia State examination to practice law, but did not follow his profession.

SEARCHING FOR COPPER.
Indications of a Rich Mine Not Far from Luray.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LURAY, VA., February 27.—W. T. Smith, of Columbus, Ohio, has bought large copper and manganese rights in the section of Compton, this county, and will begin work prospecting with a large body of men in a few days. The search for copper is now going on in a dozen or more sections of Page county. Recent developments are of a nature to strongly promise a rich mine at Hook Mountain, eight miles from Luray. About \$100,000 has been spent in the last eighteen months in developing this mine, which is owned by a stock company, with head offices in Pittsburgh, Pa. The work of digging

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Number of policies issued during the year and the amount of insurance effected thereby..... \$1,081,000.00
Total..... \$1,081,000.00
Number of policies and the amount of insurance which have ceased to be in force during the year..... 24 75,000.00
Whole number of policies in force, and the amount of liabilities or risks thereon at end of year..... 267 \$ 906,000.00

RECEIPTS.
Amount of premiums received..... \$40,915.43
Amount of all other receipts, viz: Subscription account..... 18,587.85
Total..... \$ 59,503.28

DISBURSEMENTS.
Amount paid for expenses, (including taxes, \$540.77)..... \$26,826.45
Amount of all other disbursements, viz: Premiums secured by notes, deferred and unreported, bonds and cash at bank..... 63,183.82
Total..... \$ 89,910.27

ASSETS.
Bond, market value..... \$10,000.00
Cash in bank, trust companies and company's office..... 6,613.63
Premium notes on hand..... 5,775.85
Unsettled and deferred premiums..... 14,800.54
Carried out at market value—Total..... \$ 37,190.02

BUSINESS IN VIRGINIA DURING 1902.
Number and amount of policies issued during the year 1902..... 101 \$388,000.00
Total..... 101 \$388,000.00
Deduct number and amount which have ceased to be in force during 1902..... 17 22,000.00
Total number and amount of policies in force at end of year 1902..... 84 \$366,000.00
No losses incurred.
Amount of assessments, premiums, dues and fees collected or secured in Virginia during the year 1902..... \$11,636.21
(Signed) H. H. BAKER, President.
(Signed) E. H. SEELY, Secretary.

State of Virginia: City of Richmond—
Sworn to February 18, 1903, before C. LEE MOORE, Notary Public.

'PHONE OFFICIALS ARE PROMOTED
A party of high telephone officials, among them Mr. Frederick P. Fish, president of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company; Mr. Edward J. Hall, president of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company; Mr. W. V. Gentry, general manager of the Southern Bell, and Mr. E. H. Bangs, the electrical engineer of that company, stopped in Richmond yesterday for several hours, while on route upon an extensive Southern tour of inspection of the properties of these companies.

They were more than pleased with the very satisfactory and agreeable relations which their company has established with this community, and probably the most pleasing task which they had set for themselves while in Richmond was the announcement of the promotion of several officials of the company, well known in Richmond.

Mr. Hunt Chipley becomes attorney of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, with office headquarters in Atlanta. In his hands will fall the legal business of the Southern Bell in the seven States in which it does business, covering the Virginia, the Carolina, Georgia, Florida and Alabama.